

# **BRIEFING: MARCH 11, 2014, BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM #4**

**TO:** Chairman Richard and Board Members

FROM: Scott Jarvis, Assistant Chief Program Manager

**DATE:** March 11, 2014

**RE:** Approval of the Request for Proposals for the Construction Package 2-3

**Design-Build Contract: Term Sheet and Stipend** 

#### **Background**

The Initial Operating Segment (IOS) of the California High-Speed Rail System (System) will run through the Central Valley and includes the counties of Madera, Fresno, Tulare, Kings and Kern. The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) awarded a contract for design and construction of Construction Package 1, the first 29 miles of the First Construction Segment (FCS) of the System, in June 2013. Construction of the FCS involves design-build contracts for the final design and construction of all High-Speed Rail trackway civil infrastructure up to the top of the ballast. A final contract will be entered into for the trackwork along the entire length of the FCS.

The Authority has started a two-phase procurement process for the second of the design-build contracts, designated as Construction Package 2-3, which will extend in excess of 60 miles in length through the Central Valley and will include at-grade and aerial structures, including viaducts, bridges, underpass and overpass structures. In response to the first phase Request for Qualifications (RFQ) issued by the Authority in October of 2013, five teams submitted Statements of Qualifications that went thru an extensive review and evaluation to establish the list of the most highly qualified teams based on project experience, team organization and technical competency, project understanding and other key factors.

The RFQ phase is now complete, resulting in the qualification of five design-build teams, which are now invited to participate in the second phase Request for Proposals (RFP). The proposals submitted by the teams in response to the RFP will be thoroughly evaluated and scored to determine the team offering the best overall value. The scoring will be weighted 30% on technical and 70% on price. A recommendation to the Board to enter into a design-build contract with the selected team is expected to take place in late 2014.

## **Discussion**

Authority staff seeks approval for the Term Sheet and the Stipend for Construction Package 2-3. To aid the Authority in the final development of the RFP documents, a Term Sheet containing a

summary of the major material terms and conditions for the Construction Package 2-3 designbuild contract was developed and is concurrently presented to the Board for approval.

To partially compensate for the cost of the preparation of the proposals submitted and to secure the benefits of their work product, the Authority can pay a stipend to those proposer teams not awarded the contract. Authority staff recommends a stipend be paid for each responsive proposal submitted to the Authority by any qualified Offeror that is not awarded the contract or in case of termination of the RFP, proven costs not to exceed \$2 million.

## **Recommendation**

Staff recommends Board approval of the Term Sheet and Stipend for Construction Package 2-3, pursuant to the terms in the attached Board Resolution HSRA # 14-05. Said approved terms and stipend will be incorporated into the RFP and issued by the Authority in late March of 2014.

#### **Attachments**

- Resolution HSRA # 14-05
- Term Sheet for CP 2-3